GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:484
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2002
PRIVATISATION OF GROUND HANDLING SERVICES AT AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to revamp and privatize the ground handling services at 9 international airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any firms were selected for the purpose in May, last year;

(d) if so, the details of the firms;

(e) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs raised objections against some firms which were selected for the purpose as reported in Indian Express dated March 20, 2002; and

(f) if so, the reasons for which the security agencies raised objections against them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) :- A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Statement in reply to parts (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.484 for 29.4.2002 regarding privatisation of ground handling services at airports.

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f):- In order to provide competition and state-of-the-art ground handling services, new regulations for ground handling were notified in February,2000 permitting Airports Authority of India (AAI)to license more ground handling agencies besides national carriers at different airports keeping in view, inter alia, demand and available infrastructure. Accordingly, AAI invited tenders in February, 2001 for licensing of such ground handling agencies at Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata,Thiruvananthapuram, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Goa airports. This process could not be finalised in view of the changed security environment.